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Attached you will find the corrected Supplemental Notice of Allowance to correct the claim numbering.

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SUPPLEMENTAL DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments, see Amendment, filed 10/4/04, with respect to claims 2-4, 6-41, 43-45 and 47-58 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejections and the objections of claims 2-4, 6-41, 43-45 and 47-58 have been withdrawn.

Reasons for Allowance

2. Claims 2-4, 6-41, 43-45 and 47-59 are allowed over the prior art of record. Claims 2, 14-18, 39-41, 3, 4, 6-13, 19, 22, 37-38, 23, 26-34, 59, 25, 35-36, 20, 21, 24, 43, 45, 50-52, 44, 47, 49, 48, 53, 55, 54 and 56-58 are renumbered as 1-55 respectively.

3. The Examiner agrees with the arguments presented on page 31, lines 3-17, the prior art of record fails to teach "a color number compacting means for compacting the color image data of a photo image by clustering pixels within a specific area according to the color information of each pixel and deciding at least one representative color of the clustered pixel group" therefor the application is in conditions for allowance.


4. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably **accompany** the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled AComments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.≡

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Twyler M. Lamb whose telephone number is 571-272-7406. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Thurs 6:30-5:00.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward L. Coles can be reached on 571-272-7402. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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